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Re: James B. Bleikamp
WCME (AM), Brunswick, Maine
Facility Identification Number: 56570
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed March 28, 2011, on behalf of James B. Bleikamp ("JBB"). JBB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WCME from a site other than the licensed site.¹ In support of the request, JBB states that the station has lost its licensed transmitter site and wishes to restore local service while seeking a new, permanent site. JBB proposes operation from the site of Station WJTO (AM), Bath, Maine. Technical details are provided for the proposed STA operation.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA. Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with the foregoing criteria. Our review further indicates that Station WCME has been silent since May 7, 2010, and thus faces the loss of its license if it does not resume broadcasting on or before May 7, 2011.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WCME may operate with the following facilities:

Transmitter location	Licensed transmitter site of Station WJTO (AM)
Geographic coordinates	43° 52' 39" N, 69° 50' 49" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	900 KHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	Not to exceed 0.176 kW daytime, 0.055 kW nighttime
Antenna type	Nondirectional

¹ WCME is licensed for operation on 900 kHz with 1 kilowatt daytime and 0.066 kilowatt nighttime, employing a nondirectional antenna (ND-2-U).

Radiator height	72.4° (67 meters)
Antenna efficiency	294.4 mV/m/km/kW
ASRN	1020823
Overall height	69 meters

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Simultaneous operation of Stations WJTO and WCME from the common antenna shall not commence until sufficient diplexing equipment has been installed and properly adjusted to reduce all spurious emissions below the levels specified in 47 CFR Section 73.44(b). Within 10 days after commencement of such operation, JBB must submit the results of measurements which demonstrate compliance with the above condition, along with a copy of a signed agreement between the licensees of Stations WJTO and WCME which clearly sets forth the responsibilities for installation and maintenance of the diplexing equipment. JBB must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **September 30, 2011**.

Notwithstanding the grant of this STA or the expiration date specified herein, the station's license will expire as a matter of law upon twelve consecutive months of silence. *See* Pub. Law No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, Section 403(1) (1996) and *Order, Silent Station Authorizations*, FCC 96-218 (released May 17, 1996). *See also Public Notice*, Expedited Processing of Applications Filed by Silent Stations, DA 96-818 (May 22, 1996). The licensee must notify the Audio Division immediately upon resumption of broadcasting.

STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;

- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: James B. Bleikamp